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PRELIMINARY AMENDMÉNT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to continued examination, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 2, starting with line 5 with the following:

In the course of such researches and developments, there have been proposed single-layer films composed of a norbornene addition polymer and laminated films obtained by laminating a norbornene addition polymer layer and a polyolefin resin layer on each other (Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 72210/1996, and the like. Typical norbornene addition polymers include addition polymer of a norbornene monomer and ethylene, which are resin materials having no possibility that generate substances such as dioxin and environmental hormones, which exert an adverse influence on life environment and living bodies, may be produced, like polyolefin resins such as polyethylene.